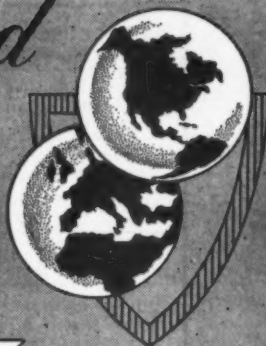


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## DECLARATION OF FAITH

### WE BELIEVE

1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism with the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

## COVER PICTURE

### CHURCH OF GOD IN MOUNT AIRY, N. C., MOVES ON

We have enjoyed a good year here in Mount Airy with some of the finest people with whom I have ever worked. Every department of the church is moving on and gaining ground. The Lord has given us 34 new members, (3 by transfer) since the Assembly. June 17 was a great day for all. We had our home-coming, with \$2,000 in the offering, for which we thank the Lord. The members and friends all had a mind to work and all are happy about it.

Rev. H. R. Corley, the pastor, and his good wife are happy, too, as they kneel behind the two tubs of money. We feel sure you will hear more good reports from Mount Airy.

## NOTICES

If you have friends or relatives living in Portsmouth, Va., whom you would like for me to contact, please send their addresses to me, or send them my name, address, and telephone number so they can contact me for location of church. We expect to move the church to a new location in the near future.—Thomas J. McKelvey, Pastor, 716 Dinwiddie Street, Portsmouth, Virginia, Tel. 78637.

I have resigned as pastor of the church in Poplar Bluff, Mo., and have been appointed pastor at Sedalia, Mo. Our present address is Rev. and Mrs. Joseph E. Cox, 1203 W. 10th St., Sedalia, Mo.

## NOTICE

The West Virginia State Convention and Camp Meeting will convene at Beckley, W. Va., in the Field Tabernacle, July 23-28. You are cordially invited to attend this great gathering.—J. H. Hughes, State Overseer.

## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

### Pray for:

A way to be made so my daughter will be able to go to Lee College.—Mrs. Della Lansberry, Thomas, W. Va.

My wife to be healed.—Joseph Gasser, Vine-land, N. J.

My husband to be saved and healed; the healing of my body; our children to be kept by His hand and saved.—Mrs. Fon Carpenter, Middletown, Ohio.

My eyes to be healed.—Rosa Hawn Lemons, Pegasus, Tenn.

My brother to be healed.—Tina Massey, Whitesville, W. Va.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Frances Melton, Holcomb, Miss.

My 2 sons to be discharged from the Army.—Mrs. J. W. Skelton, Booneville, Miss.

My son; a way to be made that I might have a home.—Mrs. Nora Westfall, Worthington, Ky.

My mother to be healed of heart trouble; my dad to be healed.—Miss Lucille Pierce, Bonne Terre, Mo.

My husband to be saved; another sister.—Leola Paverson, Hammond, La.

Me to be delivered; my husband to be saved.—Mrs. McGhee.

A dear lady who is afflicted in several ways; two men who are in bad health; my sister's little boy.—Lillie Mooney.

Lonnie H Cockroft to be healed.—His children and grandchildren, Jackson, Miss.

My dad to be healed of cancer.—Rev. Fannie Mae Robinson, Dallas, Tex.

# THE Spotlight IS ON!

## NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK

September 16-23, 1951

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# • Editorial... •

## THE FOOLISH FARMER OF LUKE 12

This parable presents a very graphic picture of how covetousness may gain the ascendancy in one's life. The man's estate brought forth plentifully, yet that within itself was not an unusual story. He, evidently, had acquired his farm legally and pursued the honest enterprise with diligence. For this he is not condemned; and now, as is the case many times, the farm produced abundantly. He had acquired great wealth, owned great fields; was, in fact, a little prince, for, although not a righteous man, he was blessed with abundance, to which he had set his heart. But this that was intended to be a blessing to him became a curse, for in the time of plenty he was so foolish as to forget God, and any person is foolish who forgets God.

This farmer reasoned to himself, but he should have remembered that God knows even what we think. He is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. We are, therefore, exhorted, "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing (thought) that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ," 2 Cor. 10:5. It is believed by some that the man possibly was more than a farmer, inasmuch as the Greek word from which the word "barn" (granaries) is derived is also the root word from which we get our word "apothecary." Perhaps barns meant here to include warehouses of all kinds, suggesting that this rich farmer was also a trader.

It seems that as this man grew rich, he became covetous. Hunger after riches too often grows into this usual soul-destroying stage, for soon or later the passion for riches supersedes all desires for the more noble things of life. The total concern is how to keep what is accumulated and reach out continuously for more. So this man decided to pull down his present storage places and increase them to meet the need of storing more fruit—"my fruits." Here he, like too many others, missed the goal. It was folly to say, "There will I bestow all my fruits and my goods." The fruit of the earth belongs to God and is only loaned to us. We are to be stewards of God's heritage. Then, notice he said "all"—none for the poor and needy; none for the storehouse of the Lord; none for Levites, ministers; but all for himself. Another evidence of his folly is shown when he thought the crops for the next year would be larger still, for we know not what tomorrow will bring. There were famines in Palestine as well as in Egypt, and famine followed the years of plenty. This character also showed his folly by thinking that abundance of natural things could satisfy the soul. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit"; neither does he see their value. His vision is on the natural and earthly things. This man thought that for many years he would enjoy ease and comfort, but instead it brought an accusing conscience. Such an one at night wishes for the day, but sunlight brings renewed condemnation, so he wishes again for the covering of the night.

"Eat, drink, and be merry" was the philosophy of the Epicureans. Their object was to find a practical guide to happiness. They and the Stoics were two antagonistic groups of philosophers who had their beginning in 342 B.C. and 280 B.C., respectively. The apostle Paul met these philosophers at Athens. Jesus pictured this farmer to us as that kind who thought the materialistic things would satisfy even the longings of his soul. He looked forward to a lengthy life of self-indulgence, with apparently no thought of the judgment that lay beyond

this life. However, the suddenness with which he was cut off proved the folly of his thinking he could determine the future happiness by "much goods" and "many years." Notice, his soul was required. Although he had said, "Soul, take thine ease," God called him a fool!

The angel who was assigned the special function of conducting souls of the departed to their own place, like the one who attended Lazarus and Dives, called suddenly. There were no delays, no days of self-indulgence. The soul of the righteous is not required, but he commits it to God. The body returns to dust, but the spirit to God who gave it, as Stephen said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit," Acts 7:59. The poor sinner, with his soul engulfed by sin, entwined with earthly passions, finds it hard for the separation, for it is said to be required of him, as if he were a debtor and, at the hands of the pitiless executors, was forced to pay.

Right on this pleasant night, when this man made such promises to his soul to rest and to linger many years, his soul was demanded. In this night, a night of terror, all the "things" had to be left behind. There was no chance for him to take them with him. Naked he came into the world, and naked he must return, for he could not benefit by all those things in death, in judgment, or in his everlasting state. The "much goods" were left to his posterity, which today, as then, too many times becomes the object of contention, jealousies, lawsuits, and heartaches. Many times the heirs, not knowing the value of wealth, squander it recklessly. It has been said that many a man, if he could have foreseen to whom his house went after his death, would rather have burned it than beautified it. Therefore, the worldling planning for himself makes the greatest error because he is not rich toward God—in faith, works, fruits of righteousness, graces, and spiritual gifts.

What a contrast are the lilies to the busy life of this rich farmer who employed all his time preparing for the future in this world. His whole heart was set on the dainty food and clothing to satisfy the flesh, while the lilies simply grew, and let God paint the beauty into them that far excelled all the beauties of Solomon's gorgeous temple. The lilies did not fret and fume, or slash about and complain about their environment, because they were rooted deeply in the black, mucky mire, but from the black mud they glisten in matchless magnificence. He also speaks of the birds, which, without barns, are cared for all the year round. God who clothes the grass of the fields will clothe you. Have faith to believe Him.

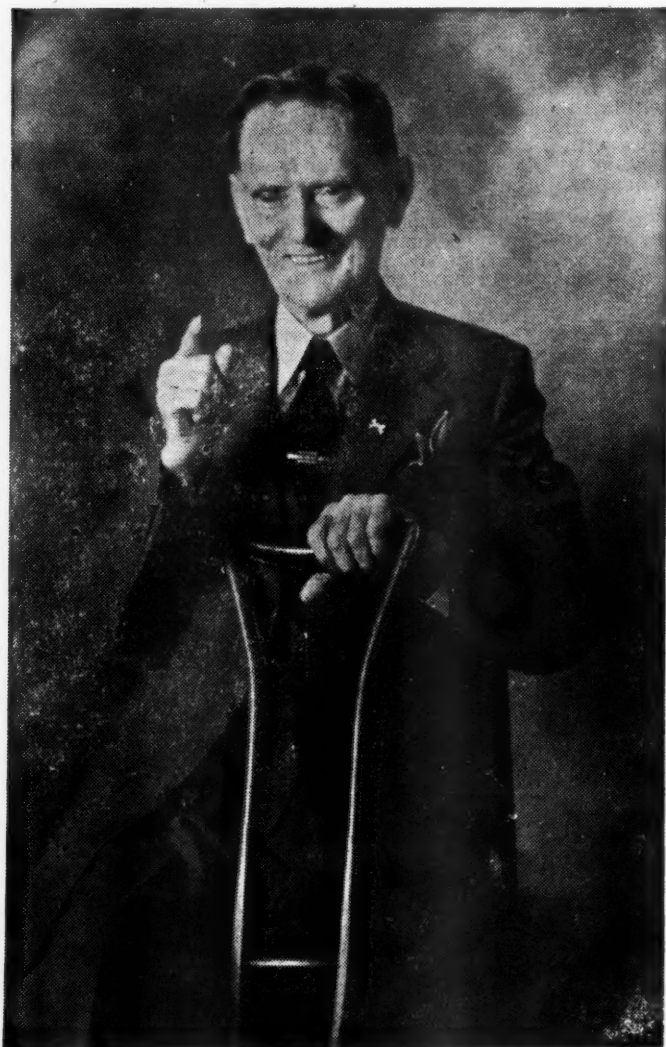
We are not to feverishly struggle for fleeting fancies, afflicting ourselves with perplexing cares because of constant concerns. Christ's disciples are to ask God for their food and not live in a tortured state of anxiety. God will supply our need according to His riches in glory. Therefore, we should direct our hearts on the work of God, seeking advancement in God's kingdom of grace, attending to God's business, and He will direct our paths into the fields of most usefulness and will be mindful of our needs. The nations of earth concern themselves solely about the natural things, but we Christians delight to do the will of God, and He will give us the desires of our hearts.

With God's great provision for us in giving us the kingdom, there is certainly something, however, we must do. Christ says imperatively, "Seek ye the kingdom"; and He bids us seek entrance into it "rather" than pursue any earthly objects, rather than be anxiously concerning ourselves about temporal supplies. He indicates that this is something which has first claim on our thoughts and on our endeavors. "All these things shall be added unto you." It is well for the world that there is not attached to the service of Christ any very valuable and attractive treasures which are of this earth. If there were, we should have the church choked with insincere and worldly minded members, paying as little devotion as they thought necessary for as much enjoyment and prosperity as they could reap. Christ has mercifully saved us from this calamity, but He has not found it needful to leave us without a provision for our need. We, therefore, who are in the kingdom, should never be despondent though circumstances be against us." At the right moment God will appear on our behalf: "goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives, and even attend us through the gates of the heavenly city." Oh, hallelujah!



*The Marvelous Story of Former Congressman  
William D. Upshaw's*

# DIVINE DELIVERANCE



Former Congressman Upshaw before his divine deliverance.

"My dear Brother Bright:

"Heaven bless you for your beautiful fraternal letter! It is like they say of that liquid commodity (Coca-Cola) that helped to make Atlanta famous—'delicious and refreshing.'

"Your request for my story of 'Divine Deliverance' from the crutches that I used over 59 years, following my 7 years on bed, is so heart-warming I am rushing to you every-

thing in sight; and it is put in italics by the fact that I have just had wonderful fellowship with your dear Church of God people in the camp meeting (Presbyterian Grounds), at Pacific Palisades, near Santa Monica, Calif. Indeed, being a 'deep water' and Pentecostal Baptist preacher, twice vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention, I just about preached their camp meeting's intro-

ductory sermon—Romans 12th chapter and all the verses. We had a shouting time!

"Wish in my soul I could send you what you want, but I cannot lay my hands on the picture with crutches nor the one without them. But I am sending a fine mat used in my recent 'Sunshine' book with crutches and a one-column mat without crutches. And remember, if you ever get to be a former Congressman, 'dry' candidate for President, and at 85 are starting out on such a worthy, ambitious plan, I remind you, and I am an editor like you, I will 'give you space in my paper.'

"We are starting on our trip to cover those other six states next week. (No car yet, but we are praying for it soon.) I'm coming in autumn, I hope, to speak to your great college on 'The Victorious Student.'

"Again I thank you. God bless you and the *Evangel*.

"Hurriedly but fraternally and gratefully yours,

"Wm. D. Upshaw"

I WAS BLIND, but now I see! I walked into that Branham-Baxter meeting in Calvary Temple, Los Angeles, leaning on my crutches that had been my "buddies," my helpful comrades for 59 of my 66 years as a cripple—seven of those years having been spent in bed, and I walked out that night of February 8, leaving my crutches on the platform, the "song of deliverance" ringing in my heart in happy consonance with the shouts of victory from those who thronged about me, their tears of rejoicing crystal with the light of the skies; and chief among them was my blessed wife, whose dear face, glowing amid her joyous exclamations, "Praise the Lord!" and "Glory to God!" was beaming like a patch of heaven!

But my story will be a truer story, and far more helpful to those seeking what I now have, if it deals in something besides "Hallelujah's" and "Hosannas" to God on high! Manifestly, I cannot tell it unless I tell it in basic and related details. It was a stone path that led through Gethsemane to Golgotha's Calvary and the resurrection that "lifted a fallen world up to God!"

On February 18, 1885, I was hurt when a farmer boy of eighteen, falling on a crosspiece in a wagon frame and fracturing my spine; but, thank God, I was converted just before I was hurt, and the Lord Jesus, who had given me a "new heart in Him," walked with me through the valley,

and made the "vale of tears" for seven years a mountain height of joy and victory.

Naturally, I prayed at first to be healed, but I know now that there was "too much Willie Upshaw" in that prayer. I wanted to be suddenly healed, dash down to the lot, saddle a mule or a horse and go galloping to my church at Powder Springs or Lost Mountain, or Mount Zion, and run up to the pulpit, stop the pastor with his hands uplifted toward heaven, and shout: "Stop, Brother, I have been healed—let me tell my story!" And every time I prayed to be immediately healed, the Lord seemed to say to me, "Not yet! I am going to do something through you in this condition you could not do otherwise; leave it to me!" And He smiled as He said it, and my tranquil heart said, "Even so, Father, for so it seemeth good in Thy sight. If Thou wilt, Thou canst make me whole." And I rested "under the shadow of His wing." Certain it is that if He had healed me then in my impetuous youth, lying amid the wreckage of my shattered dreams, I could not have written the book of 600 pages, "Earnest Willie," or "Echoes from a Recluse," which I sold from my rolling chair, making money to enter Mercer University on that rolling chair at 31; and I never could have taught many millions of students in 42 states my motto, "Let nothing discourage you—never give up," inspiring many young lives with "A Purpose Linked to God." Yes, and frankly, I never would have given seven years to Christian Education in Georgia without salary—falling in my tracks helping seven boys and 52 girls through college, some of whose "names are writ where stars are lit."

I mention this for the comfort of those who "serve and suffer," showing how God can bless "the ministry of suffering," and I have often quoted in defense of my "hardheaded" devotion to my necessary and beloved crutches, "These are they which have come out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

#### BIBLE-LOVING WIFE ENCOURAGES FAITH

"But," said my Bible-loving wife and some of her devout friends, "that contract with the Lord was long ago. He has brought you victoriously through many trials—now it would honor Him far more for you to cross the continent and witness for Him without crutches, not only as the personal Saviour of your soul, but as the Great Physician who has healed your body." And I knew it. Nobody knows how I suffered as I sat under the powerful preaching of Wm. Freeman, or winsome Oral Roberts over the radio, and dear Wilbur Ogilvie who, under God, prayed away the incipient cancer on my face two years ago. All the time I have prayed for "appropriating faith." Somehow, I just could not "take hold and walk out."

#### DIVINELY HEALED

Then came God's humble prophet, William Branham—and that "Boanerges Son of Thunder" (who can "out-Hollywood" Hollywood, and never



Former Congressman Upshaw after divine deliverance.

get away from Calvary) W. J. Ern Baxter—making one of the greatest evangelistic Bible "teams" that has ever blessed the world since Paul and Barnabas laid the pillars of God's kingdom on the shores of Tiberius and

the Mediterranean. We just knew "Billy" Branham would be great, but we were not prepared for Baxter—that indescribable combustion of wit and wisdom and enriching Bible interpretation who is an imperative John the Baptist, preparing the way for Branham. I sat entranced, still praying for "appropriating faith," but holden, somehow, of that contact—and that contract with the Lord 60-odd years ago. Others were being healed all around me. Then Brother Branham, exhausted, was carried from the platform. Angels were hovering near. I knew my blessed wife and her "prayer warriors" were wrapping me in prayer. I remembered how she said, "When you are trying to lead a sinner to accept Christ you say, 'Accept—confess Christ and step out—He will do the rest and bring the feeling.'" It was the touchstone. Brother LeRoy Kopp, Calvary Temple's golden-hearted pastor, came back to the pulpit and said, "Brother Branham says, 'The Congressman is healed!'" My heart leaped. I said in my battling soul, "Branham knows the mind of God—I will step out and accept the Lord as my Healer." I laid aside my crutches and started toward the startled LeRoy Kopp and my happy, shouting wife—and the bottom of heaven fell out! "Heaven came down our souls to greet, and glory crowned the mercy seat." And now at 84, with no gray hairs, and without my boon companions (my treasured crutches of 59 years), I begin a new life, joyously testifying that Christ the Great Physician who said, "I am the resurrection and the life," cannot only save the souls of wicked men and women, but He can and does heal the bodies of the sick, the maimed, the deaf, the dumb, and blind, bringing heaven down to this sinning, staggering world. My crutches are still on the Calvary Temple pulpit, and I am "happy on the way—leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Praise God!

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#### PASTOR LE ROY M. KOPP WRITES:

As pastor of Calvary Temple, Los Angeles, where I personally witnessed the miracle of divine healing on the night of February 8, which enabled former Congressman Wm. D. Upshaw to discard his crutches which he had used for 59 years (following his 7 years on bed), I count it a positive privilege to send this letter of enthusiastic commendation concerning the unique and inspiring Good Citizenship plan of one of the bravest, most unselfish Christian leaders I have ever known. Ever since I heard this former lawmaker make a Labor Day address in Calvary Temple two years ago, pleading for reciprocal justice between labor and capital—followed by two weeks of powerful gospel preaching and wholesome, inspirational messages to our Temple School, I have coveted the widest possible hearing for him.

While all members of Congress (where he served 1919-1927) may not have endorsed his eloquent, courageous and truceless crusade for "sober officials," he held the unwavering respect—indeed, the real affection—of even those who differed from him, but all agreed: "Bill Upshaw is honest—he practices what he preaches." Often called "The Abe Lincoln of the South," he was, like Lincoln, "a total abstainer." Upshaw has always loved humanity better than money. He gave signal proof of his sincere altruism by giving seven years without salary to the Christian education of struggling youth, finally falling in his tracks helping 7 boys and 52 girls through Mercer University (Macon, Ga.) and Bessie Tift College (Forsyth, Ga.); and now we behold the challenging spectacle of a man 84, with no gray hairs and so full of platform "pep" that he often speaks 3 and 4 times a day, saying to America: "Having spoken to millions of students in 42 states, God helping me, I want to cover those other six states before I go to heaven! I want to teach high school and college students in New Hampshire, Vermont, South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, and Nevada the same motto: 'Let nothing discourage you—never give up!' that I have taught actual millions of students in those 42 states. Yes, and warn them not to touch debauching liquor, and to oppose every phase and form of atheistic communism that defies God and the American Flag."

Really, dear friend, I do not know another man in America—84 and fresh from a physical handicap of 66 years—who has the "spunk," grit and grace to attempt such a colossal, worthy task. His queenly, consecrated wife, long a valiant worker in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, proposes to drive this plucky veteran over those six other states as soon as the necessary funds can be forthcoming for a car and imperative expenses.

# THEY SAY...

## DAY

Thy day has come, not gone;  
Thy sun has risen, not set;  
Thy life is now beyond  
The reach of death, of change;  
Not ended, but begun.  
O noble soul! O gentle heart!  
Hail and farewell.

—W. J. Bryan.

## NATURE AND FAITH

Nature sees the body dead,  
Faith beholds the spirit fled;  
Nature stops at Jordan's tide,  
Faith beholds the other side;  
Nature hears farewells and sighs,  
Faith hears welcomes in the skies.

—Selected.

Nobody grows old merely by living  
a number of years; people grow old by  
deserting their ideals.

Too many fellows think they can  
push themselves forward by patting  
themselves on the back.

—Earl Wilson.

## PRAYER IN JAMES 5

- 1 Personal—"let him pray" (v. 13).
2. United—"let them pray" (v. 14).
3. Believing—"prayer of faith" (v. 15).
4. Intercessory—"pray one for another" (v. 16).
5. Burdened—"effectual, fervent prayer" (v. 16).
6. Heart—"prayed earnestly" (v. 18).
7. Importunate—"prayed again" (v. 18).

—Kenneth O. Bouton.

## CAUSE AND EFFECT

Psalm 40:1-3

- I. The Prayerful Relinquishment.  
"I waited patiently for the Lord."
- II. The Precious Recognition.

1. "He inclined unto me."
2. "And heard my cry."
3. "He brought me up also out of the miry clay."
4. "And set my feet upon a rock."
5. "And established my goings."
6. "And he hath put a new song in my mouth."

—F. E. M.

## ALL AND NO COMPROMISE

I Samuel 15:3

1. Christ Died to Redeem us from All iniquity (Titus 2:14).
2. We are to Cleanse Ourselves from All Filthiness (2 Cor. 7:1).
3. We are to Avoid All Appearance of Evil (1 Thes. 5:22).
4. We are to Lay Aside All Malice and All Evil Speaking (1 Peter 2:1).
5. We are to Put Away All Bitterness (Eph. 4:31).
6. We are to Put Away All Anger (Col. 3:8).

What is intended as a little white lie often ends up as a double feature in technicolor.

—Madena R. Wallingford.

## JOHN 17:17, 21

The individual may as well try to claim justification without a born-again experience as to claim "unity" without having gone through a sanctified experience. In all, it seems that people are prone to try reaching heaven in most any way except the genuine Bible way!

—The Apostolic Faith Messenger.

## ONE-MINUTE SERMON

Rev. Manuel F. Campbell, Pastor  
Somerset, Kentucky

### I LOST A HAM!

I carried my last 22-pound ham to a butcher for advice. He looked at the ham, shook his head and said, "It's spoiled!" I didn't want to accept his verdict. But somehow the odor did help to convince me that it was true. What was the reason for this loss? It was for the lack of salt the ham was lost. Yes, a sufficient application of salt in time would have saved the ham.

Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the EARTH." If Christians refuse to be used, what will become of the world? Shall we inclose and seclude ourselves while a suffering world suffers for the lack of Christian salt? Nay, let us go down among sinful sinners and lead them from the corruption of sin to the salvation of the Saviour. Christian salt will be of no use in heaven; use what Christ gives you in this world of sin.

## GOD HAS THE ANSWER

(The following good thought from March-April issue of *The Upper Room*.)

"Some air force men had just been assigned to rebuild an air base when a severe blizzard struck the area. The resulting hardships prompted the inquiry: 'Why should this job be necessary during the winter?'"

"Then one day the men in the control tower received an alert call. Several transport planes returning men from overseas could not land at their designated base. Fuel was low. Could they land here? Because the men had been on the job, immediate clearance was flashed to the pilots. The big planes rolled down the runway to a safe landing. The men had one good answer to their question.

"We all question the wisdom of certain assignments in life. At the moment we may not find the answer. Whether it be Joseph sold into Egypt, Philip sent to Gaza, or you in your present responsibility, Jesus gives the 'clearance' at the Samaritan well—'to do the will of him that sent me.' Our faith assures us that the overall plan of God contains the answer."

## GOD DELIVERS—

From Our Enemies and . . . All That Hate Us, That . . . We . . . Might Serve Him Without Fear—Luke 1:70-75.

Deliverance in troubles: Psalm 40:1; Job 5:19.  
Deliverance from snares and pestilence: Psalm 91:3.  
Deliverance from temptations and trials: 2 Peter 2:9.  
Deliverance from fearing the face of man: Jeremiah 1:8.  
Deliverance from the sword: Ex 18:4.

Deliverance from the hatred of foes and enemies: 2 Sam. 22:18.  
Deliverance from those who rise up against us: Psalm 18:39.  
Deliverance from strife: Psalm 18:43.

Delivered from all fear: Psalm 34:4.  
Delivered from all trouble: Psalm 54:7.

Delivered out of distresses: Psalm 107:6.

Delivered from destructions: Psalm 107:20.

Delivered from the power of darkness: Col. 1:13.

Delivered from the wrath to come: 1 Thess. 1:10.

Deliverance from all worry about the present or future: Matt. 6:34.

Deliverance from the fear of death, and victory over all the power of the enemy through our Lord Jesus Christ.—Luke 10:19; 1 Cor. 15:54-57.

GOD hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.—2 Tim. 1:7-10, 13; 2:7-10, 14-26; Romans 8:33-39.

There isn't a nerve in the body as sensitive as the Holy Ghost.

—Paul Rader.

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## 450 STORIES FROM LIFE

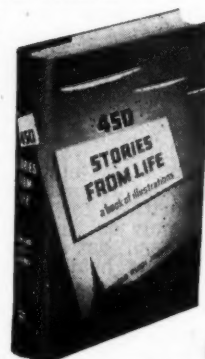
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## "SHIP AHOY"

On the morning of June 4 our children lined up for another Daily Vacation Bible School. To help you catch some of our enthusiasm I should tell you that these eager little bundles of energy climbed aboard a large ship of the "Blood Line" and sailed on a two weeks' voyage. The teachers, matrons, and officers made a merry crew to serve the passengers. They did very fine work in sighting out the high points of the trip.

Our course of study took us to the garden of Eden, Mount Sinai, and the towns where Jesus lived. We studied God's plan of salvation for us and how it has been developed.

The crew had many plans for the passengers to keep them busy as they sailed along. Early each morning everyone was on deck for the worship service. Each passenger landed home with a treasure box containing treasures and souvenirs from the trip.

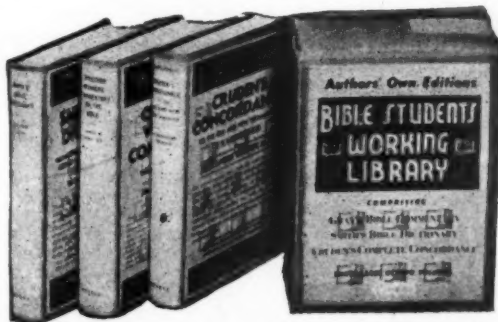
Stored away in the hearts of the little passengers are jewels from the Word of God that will ever be cherished. Ninety prizes were given to the passengers for learning the required memory work for the course. Thirty of the passengers learned more than the required work, and were awarded special prizes for their efforts. Two of the girls were given special recognition for memorizing the beautiful 53d chapter of Isaiah in addition to the other special memory work.

The Weavers' Class met on the lazy afternoons and wove baskets to add to their treasures.

On the evening of June 15 our voyage ended. Superintendent Dych and Mr. and Mrs. James Simmons reported that the voyage on the "Blood Line" was a great success.—Lula Hudson.



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## FLORIDA STATE CAMP MEETING

The sky was clear except for a few fleecy clouds that dotted the heavens. As a person drove up to this beloved spot, he found himself in an atmosphere of busy preparation for an event that is considered precious in the hearts of thousands—the Wimauma Camp Meeting. To view the faces of these dear saints of God, one could see the ever expectant look for old acquaintances which, when met, spread out in big smiles, accompanied with words of welcome, handshakes, and sincere Christian embraces. A brother has met his brother; a sister has met her sister—a great family reunion of the Lord. To look upon the scene subjectively, it appeared as though just another camp meeting was beginning, but on intermingling with the people, one perceived an excited feeling, a feeling that this camp meeting was going to be quite different from any that had preceded it.

Many were surprised to see the new tabernacle, a great steel and cement structure built to hold the thousands that would come to this great gathering of the people of God. As was expected, it failed to hold the thousands more that filled all the standing room and the area around the tabernacle.

Upon approaching the tabernacle for the first service, one could hear shouts of praise and the tuning of instruments. My, how the first song swelled in volume in the hearts of the people as all joined in singing the dear old hymn that has inspired many throughout the ages, "Revive Us Again." The evangelistic services were beyond expectation. The spirit of Brother Hughes' messages and the anointing of God upon them touched the very depths of the souls of both saint and sinner. The altar services were a sight to behold in this modern day. There averaged around 200 seekers at the altar every night. Backsliders, doubters, military men, all were desperately winding their way down to the old prayer altar. In one spot at the altar, 8 received the Holy Ghost at one time. The trend of thought in the evangelistic messages more than adequately described this present troubled world and the despair of souls who look to and depend on it, contrasted with the surety and trustworthiness that one obtains in the non-wavering and eternal Word of God.

The Florida Youth Conference began another day filled with good things from God. The Spirit-filled youth of Florida have increased their ranks since last camp meeting, and their heartfelt desire for God's work was sincerely expressed by their attitude and cooperation in the Youth Conference. The testimony and expression of many of the young people were clearly brought forth in a great message by our state youth director, Brother Joe Woodward. We were greatly blessed to have Brother Zeno C. Tharp, Assistant General Overseer, visit us and bring 2 wonderful messages. A man who has endeared himself to many here in Florida, Brother John C. Jernigan, President of Lee College, spoke concerning our college. This was undoubtedly the greatest

## Newport News, Virginia.



The Twenty-eighth Street Church of God at Newport News, Va., had a record of 206 in Sunday School on May 13. This church was organized in 1945 in a mission building on Ricough-ton Road. Then they purchased a mission hall at 1155 Twenty-seventh Street, and Rev. N. W. Ward was followed by Rev. Gore who purchased

lots on Twenty-eighth Street and started a building in 1944. This building was completed by Rev. H. E. Ramsey in 1945. Rev. Ramsey was followed by Rev. Fatie C. Atkinson who started Sunday School rooms in 1948, which were completed by Rev. C. J. Hester who has served the church for three years. Under his leadership we have

camp meeting for Florida. It was not only great in the evangelistic endeavor and spiritual uplift, but also financially. The mission offering raised was \$2,660.06, which has exceeded any previous record, and it was thought by Brother Jernigan to be the largest that he had seen taken up anywhere. The Orphanage coupon drive also broke previous records by receiving over a half million coupons. To everyone's surprise, the greatest offering so far for state expenses was received in the tabernacle offering of \$2,760.55. How the Lord has blessed the Church of God. Up to the very last, the tabernacle was filled, with the exception of a vacant seat spotted here and there. Much of the hard work and endeavor for a successful camp meeting has been attributed to our state overseer, Brother J. T. Roberts, who untiringly strove to this end. We, the ministers of the state, extend to him the laurels of honor now. A victory? a success? a milestone for the Church of God? Yes, and more, too, was the 1951 Florida State Camp Meeting.—Edward E. Shoupe, Reporter.

### LONG DISTANCE

Pastor J. E. Hargraves, of Wichita, Kansas, called to report a wonderful revival. In 2 weeks 15 have been saved, 7 sanctified, 5 baptized with the Holy

Ghost, and a number are expected to join the church before the meeting is closed. Brother and Sister E. G. Castleberry, a young evangelistic couple, are doing the preaching.

### ASSEMBLIES OF GOD TO MEET IN ATLANTA

The twenty-fourth biennial General Council gathering for the ministers and delegates of Assemblies of God churches will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, on August 16-23, 1951, according to the Rev. Wesley R. Steelberg, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God.

The main purposes of the Assemblies gathering are to inform its ministers of the progress which has been made by the organization in the past two years, and give them an opportunity to express themselves and cast votes regarding matters pertaining to the organization as a whole. Rev. Steelberg will preside over all of the business sessions of the Council.—Thomas F. Zimmerman, Chairman, Publicity Committee.



# ina, Church Makes News



purchased a modern 6-room parsonage, next door to the church, valued at \$7,500, which has been recently decorated and furnished. Also, we have a new baptismal pool under the church rostrum. We now have 165 church members, for which we give God all the glory. The tithes have

reached as high as \$1,000 a month. We have outgrown our present quarters, and we are now looking for a new building site. Brother Hester, our good pastor, is second from left on the picture. The large fellow on the end is the reporter and Sunday School superintendent.—R. V. Hodges.

## A GREAT MEETING IN VIEW

A very spectacular revival has just begun in Pulaski, Va., with Rev. Thea F. Jones as evangelist. The first night of the campaign drew a crowd of 4,000, which packed out the tent. Sunday night, which was the opening night, 107 came to the altar and gave their hearts to God. The town of Pulaski and surrounding communities are excited over the revival and it appears that this will be the greatest meeting ever experienced in this area. The Churches of God are the leading sponsors, with other Pentecostal groups joining them.

The huge gospel tent, although torn by several heavy winds, is now in good condition. Also, a new prayer tent was purchased only last week. The full capacity of the two tents is probably 4,500. Brother Jones has hopes of at least a thousand souls in this revival. The revival is scheduled until July 22, but may be extended in case this turns out to be a landslide.—J. Luther Carroll, Jr.

DALLAS, Ga.—We have just had a good 2 weeks' revival, with the young evangelist, Rev. Lawrence Weaver, of Ellijay, Ga., doing the preaching. Three were saved, 2 sanctified, 2 reclaimed, and 11 baptized in water. The church was greatly uplifted. Pray for us.—Myrna Kerns.

## A SPECIAL DAY AT ROCKY HILL, MISS.

ROCKY HILL, Miss. — It was my privilege to be with the Rocky Hill Church and Sunday School and pastor, Rev. Jeremiah Jenkins, on June 10. We enjoyed a good Sunday School and service in which four members were added to the church. The church is on the move, and God is blessing their efforts among many country churches. This church is outstanding in many ways. The fellowship is real; the spiritual uplift is grand. There were 111 in attendance on that day. Brother Jenkins is a real church builder and a good district youth director, and the people there were in a good revival at this time.—M. L. Mule, District Pastor.

## DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT ATTALLA, ALA.

This is a new church with a membership of 30. God blessed the school and we had 57 on roll. The night we had our closing exercise, Brother Busby, the state secretary, brought an uplifting message on the life of Paul. Miss Runell Bryant was the leader in our school. Pray for us.—J. T. Ingram, Pastor.

MAHNEED, Miss.—We have just had one of the greatest revivals we have ever had here. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Eleven were saved, 9 sanctified, and 8 filled with the Holy Ghost. The little church is on fire for God. Brothers A. B. Everett and Cecil Guills did the preaching. The Sunday School attendance has gone from 20 to 72.—Sister Pearl Hinton.

## WHITE CLOUD, MICHIGAN, CHURCH GROWING



WHITE CLOUD, Mich.—The Church of God at White Cloud, Mich., is growing by leaps and bounds. The pastor, Rev. John Page, standing at left in the picture, and his congregation have built a new church during the past year, and the attendance has in-

creased greatly.

The above picture is a Mother's Day Sunday School group. This attendance broke all previous records. Sister Garlit, the evangelist standing at the left, was loved and appreciated by all.—Earl Page, Reporter.

# Crime Challenges God

By J. L. Thornhill, Foxworth, Miss.

Text: Rom. 1:21, "Because that, when they knew (past tense) God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened."

There is one statement of God's which runs through the Scriptures like a sad and poignant refrain, "My people have forgotten me." **Forgetting** (or **looking back**) is an intense and awful word. It surely expresses the final issue in human alienation from the divine. Open and deliberate revolt against God shows, at any rate, some respect to His power, and even formal prayer, empty (void of faith) though it be, offers some recognition of God's existence. But to become vain in imagination and forget Him, to live and plan and work as though He were not, to surrender or dismiss as insignificant—this is surely the expression, the very last expression, of a separated life.

The apostle Paul, writing under the inspiration and anointing of the Holy Ghost, desires to inform us of the fact, that at the time of Christ's coming it will be a time of unthankfulness, trouble, darkness, crime, covenant-breaking, and evil imaginations. Naturally, then, he would desire the Christians in Rome to have his own statement of the great teachings of grace, so stubbornly withstood and refuted everywhere by legalistic teachers. This text had its occasion in the intention of the apostle soon to visit Rome. Disgrace and ingratitude are making a clean and engulfing sweep of the entire world, seemingly. Let us not forget Paul's command to the church saints at Colosse: "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set (place) your affections on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God," Col. 3:1-3.

People are never really dead so long as they are remembered. The real death is to be forgotten. How, then, do we come to look back or forget God? In what sort of condition is this appalling lack and spiritual weakness brought about? Here is a type from the portrait gallery of the Bible. "Because thou hast forgotten the God of thy salvation, and hast not been mindful of the rock of thy strength . . ." Isa. 17:10. Here is a forgetfulness that is born when we have recovered from some weakness. Pride of strength makes us forget the rock out of which we were hewn. This is a most common and insidious danger. Our weakness helps our remembrance of God; then our strength is the friend of forgetfulness. Paul said one time, "When I am weak, then am I strong." In our weakness we remem-

ber the Lord and the dark, obscure things of the unseen come clearly into view. But when our strength is regained, the vivid vision fades again and is sometimes entirely lost. Therefore, it is that a man who never knows weakness has a stupendous task in maintaining communion with God. People who never know what it is to be ill have so many more barriers to overcome in their fellowship with the Unseen. That is why darkness and gross dark is covering the earth. Let us not forget, please, that Paul, in our text, is speaking or writing to Church of God folks, too.

It is the writer's opinion that too many professors of Christianity are more interested in personal benefits than they are in death to sin and its disasters.

The Church of God, as well as God Himself, is being challenged with all kinds of wicked, unholy spirits. All kinds of ungodly crimes are being committed by professing Christian people today. It is not because they are ignorant. My text says: "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened."

The pendulum of the Gentile world apostasy is in full swing, yet the apostates profess that they know God in wisdom, but in reality they are fooling and deceiving themselves. Many people never realize the grave danger there is in being deceived.

Today we are coming face to face with many, many grave problems. If there has ever been a time when we needed a picture of the Son of God as the Great Physician, this really and truly is the time. The Lord Jesus Christ is able to heal all the ills of this old world. As already stated, we have many, many problems which confront the world today—spiritual problems, diplomatic problems, economic problems, financial problems, war problems, divorce problems, problems of the home, problems of the state, problems of the nation. Yes, grave problems, indeed.

Not many people realize the real danger that we are facing today as a church, and as a holy nation of people, as was spoken of by the apostle Peter. What we need today is more good Christian leaders, leaders who are dependable and sturdy, like Peter, James, John, and Paul, the apostles of the New Testament, to stem the tide of this apostasy that is corrupting Christianity.

The whole world today is looking for able, discreet men. We may preach on such subjects as "Where Is the Lord God of Paul?" but it is not He who is missing; it is Paul. When there comes forth from today's harvest of faithless, prayerless, fastless, trust-

less, hopeless, and visionless church men, a person with the spirit, heart, and faith of Paul, then there will be wrought in today's world, Paullike miracles. God needs men who can and will abhor sin and love the poor sinner, a man who can resist, the devil and submit himself to God.

Yes, we are growing by leaps and bounds in numbers, in favor with men, in prestige and honor; but how about the growth of faith that works. Christlike, Elishalike, Peterlike, Johnlike and Paullike miracles? Are we satisfied along that line with our growth? I am not! I am not a pessimist, neither his son, but I know what it means to be hid with Christ in God, where He can work through us His wonders, signs, and miracles for the confirmation of His Word—the gospel.

The reason a greater number of signs, miracles, and wonders are not performed among us is because He does not have many men like Peter, James, John, and Paul through whom to work His miracles. Men don't want to suffer. I've heard someone say that suffering is a wonderful fertilizer to the roots of character. Now, we should keep ourselves in the light by walking in the gospel light. We know there are some who apprehend a danger in failing to keep themselves in the light, while many others seem to be sensed very little with that danger. We should not object to anyone's being awakened, however, but let the history and habit of his or her life up to this moment be what they might have been, we could not forbid that he or she should now look to the efficacy and power of the gospel offered and therein shout and rejoice. The crying and pressing concern of us all should be that God would help us keep our moral senses in this fast darkening age.

Never before has there been such a challenging need of aggressive leadership among the boys and girls of this great freedom-loving country of ours. Church attendance, however, is a vital factor in the nation's crime prevention program. The churches, of course, have an excellent privilege or opportunity to wage war against the causes of crime. Crime usually plants its seed in the mind of a child during the formative years. It comes, however, when there is a lack of discipline, lack of respect for the rights of others, disregard for parents and constituted authorities, the lack of emotional stability. In both the church and the home, children must be made to understand their individual responsibility for personal conduct. They, also, must be encouraged to acquire sufficient religious conviction to fortify their moral conception for later years when selfish ambition, strong personal motives, dishonest associates, or some



other negative misleading influence may seek to entice them into trading, or rather bartering, their birthright as honest, forthright citizens for sordid careers of corruption and crime. It has become very imperative that every American arouse himself to the urgent need of this hour, which is respect, liberty, life, faith, hope, and charity. It must be taught, preached, and practiced as a crusade against prevailing crime.

The weakening of moral fibre, demonstrated by the figures released on the number of immoral crimes committed here in America, is not the only problem. The indifference apathy, and lethargy of parents who have been directly responsible for young people failing to receive proper religious education and discipline, have also exposed them to the false philosophies of the theorists, whose teachings have been mushrooming themselves in every quarter of the globe. We need homes where children learn obedience, respect for their parents, respect for law, respect for God and the religious principles which must be perpetuated if God's kingdom is to grow and move onward. The greatest simple factor in crime causation among juveniles is the breaking up and disintegration of the home. Juvenile delinquency will continue to thrive until we restore the home and the family unit to their former station of importance as the fundamental social unit in our church and national life.

Crime in its various forms continues to challenge the Church of God; not the Church only, but God, the home, and the nation likewise. The spirit of this age, as Paul the apostle stated, is moving people toward imaginary or idol worship, at unexampled speed. For instance, we quote: "And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen." Rom. 1:23-25.

We may ask such questions as, Why do men and women practice such cursed habits? Because they are without understanding, and are filling up their measures of sin for the day of wrath. Rom. 1:18; Matt. 23:32; Exod. 15:16. Yes, they have been given up to vile affections.

We are invited by the gentleness and goodness of God to rise up and embrace the Lord Jesus Christ and His gospel. There is no gospel hearer today who is not exhorted to embrace the Son of God while He is in the way; but, along with the exhortation, he must also know that time is short and the way of reconciliation will soon be closed against him, and the Son of God, instead of being found in that way, will be seated on a throne of judgment, whence His wrath shall speedily begin to burn against all who failed to listen and give heed to Him. We may ask, as many have, "Why is

it so many people act so reckless and so brazenly independent?" Is it not because they have set at naught the power and authority of the gospel? Such appalling cases as this are very sickening and alarming. They are examples of what human weakness and depravity can work out when man is simply given over to himself. The inebriate, the gambler, and the pleasure lover who sit around the gambling table till the morning sun looks in to reproach; the poor ruffian who after years of prison experience still plots his deeds of darkness; the brutal fellow, the poor outcast man of shame who vents his villainess and makes merchandise of human souls, all of these are but sad and doleful pictures for men to weep over and tremble at.

They illustrate much more fully the callousness of the heart after it has become darkened and adamantized. It was to such persons Paul was addressing his letter to the Romans, in which he was exhorting them to holiness of heart and life. As a warning, he points to the dangers of heathenism around them. They had already debauched and corrupted their own good moral senses. They had given themselves over to the tyranny of lust, and it was controlling and ruling them. They had become insensible to their greed and guilt till Paul felt disposed, and did earmark them with this fatal epithet "Past Feeling."

Now let me say, in closing, that this world is fast becoming a conscienceless, senseless, and "past feeling"

world. Let me give you a quotation from a sermon preached back in the sixteenth century by a wonderful preacher of God: "I once entered a little humble farm cottage home on a chilly December morning, and spent two hours in personal conversation with its family. The superannuated father of the family, in his ninety-sixth year, a most kind and amiable man, followed me to the door and stopped me on the porch. He took me by the hand and dolefully remarked, 'I thank you for this visit, and hope it will not be your last. As you have just begun your labor among us, I wish to give you a word of advice, based on my own conviction and experience. Let us old people alone and devote your labors to the youth of the country. Forty-five years ago I was greatly anxious about my soul; many were then converted, but I was not one of them. During the ministry of Mr. Sam Jones, many, many more were converted, but I was not one of them; and now for years, I have not had a single feeling on the subject! I know I am a lost sinner; I know I can be saved only through Jesus Christ; I feel persuaded that when I die, I will be lost! I believe all you preach, but feel it no more than if I were a block of stone. I expect to live and die just as I am. Leave us to ourselves and our sins and give your strength and labor to the work of saving the young, for I am past redemption now. It is too late now. I have sinned away my days of grace.'

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#### WHAT GOD HATH WROUGHT

Num. 23:23

Since I feel constrained to write a few things pertaining to our lives and association with God's Church, I don't want to seem to be an egotist because I detest an ego more than anything I can think of.

Sister Gann and I have been members of this body for almost 39 years, and have grown up with it from a few hundred members to the present enrollment of many thousands.

When first "added" to the Church, we thought those who could shout loud and speak in tongues most had the most power with God; we also were taught by our leaders and believed that if we didn't belong to this physical body, with Headquarters in Cleveland, Tenn., we would surely miss the rapture. Like Paul of old, we persecuted the real body of Christ. But we thank God that today our understanding and knowledge of the Word has expanded until we see the Church of God and were one of the first ministers to preach in and for it. Now we can say with my text, "Behold, what God hath wrought!"

We notice throughout the Scripture that every time the church was persecuted it expanded like wildfire, and that same thing holds good today. God give us, as a church, more heartaches and persecutions as a necessity, for the proper expansion of God's work.

Since we have known the Church of God, we have seen it almost torn asunder, but the hand of God "reached way down" and sustained her, giving

# A Look at the Pioneer Trail

With Reverends Mr. and Mrs. A. Gann

new life, and she has traveled, despite opposition, by leaps and bounds.

#### OUR COLLEGE

In this latter day movement there are those who ignorantly cast reflections on our educational system, but if they could have seen what we older ministers did see, and had gone through the things we did, they would avail themselves of the opportunity to attend school.

It was my privilege for years to serve as a member of the Board of Education when the school first began, and for years we struggled for existence. I should like to add that some of our leading ministers now are a product of that school; viz., Reverends E. M. Ellis, H. L. Chesser, John C. Jernigan, Zeno C. Tharp, J. H. Walker, and many others I don't recall just at this time. These brethren really applied themselves and today hold responsible positions in the Church.

Now let's take a look at the present school with its hundreds of students, having able instructors, and, instead of reaching only a few, in only a few places, with this gospel, it is world-wide, and the gospel is being preached intelligently and, as Paul said, "With power and demonstration of the Spirit." Then why can't we say, "Glory hallelujah! Behold what God hath wrought?"

There was a time when a minister could go out preaching with a boot on one foot and a shoe on the other, with a hole in his hat (if he had one), with a wisp of hair sticking up through the hole, and have a meeting, but not so now. We are in a progressive world, and everything must progress accordingly. The Church must move and that intelligently. We must not let any movement outdistance us in the race.

#### OUR MUSIC

Our music, we just can't close without mentioning it. When we first started out we were affiliated with Brother Otis L. McCoy, and the most we could do was to stand around the organ and make some kind of nasal sounds, but just look and listen now! There is no church or movement that can equal us in solos, duets, quartets, quintets, sextets, and choirs. We thank God that our educational facilities include music in its curriculum.

#### OUR PUBLICATIONS

Just think about our publications now. There is absolutely no comparison to be made. When we try, we think of a molehill and a mountain. Thirty-nine years ago we had for our paper only a small two-leaf periodical named "White Winged Messenger,"

only one editor, and he in for life, and about all that was said in this paper was by this editor. Now we have a wonderful paper, "The Church of God Evangel," edited by a lovable and wonderful man, the Rev. J. D. Bright; also our other literature, "The Lighted Pathway," for our young people, and anyone has the privilege to write manuscripts that are worth while. I know we are going places for God and His Church. Keep it up. Our publications have helped more than anything else.

People often say, "I wish we were back where we used to be," but not I. I'm so glad we are where we are now, and there is still room for improvement. We want to see ourselves rise and shine and increase in knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

Sister Gann has been my helpmeet 51 years and has stood with me for the Church through many hard battles. All our hearts and lives are wrapped in the welfare of His Church, and we are expecting to see the rapture and be with her when she takes her flight. The saddest day of our lives was when we could no longer go with this wonderful message, when we retired from active service. When the call of God is in your soul, it never leaves you. By idleness you may lose some of your inspiration, but never the call of God.

Our brethren in the ministry have been real good to us, and seem to esteem us very highly for our work in the past, and we appreciate them. But as we move to the end of life's journey and see our fellow warriors slip away, we think that probably it will be our time to go next. I notice that of the ten elders who took such a firm stand for the Church, only three remain—Brothers M. S. Lemons, E. J. Boehmer, and I. I don't see why I couldn't desire to go on over, because I have more loved ones over there than here. Just keep up the fight, boys; there are other grounds to be taken yet. Take them so that your successors may also exclaim, "What hath God wrought!"—Lovingly your brother in Him, A. Gann.

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# Ye Are Fallen From Grace

By Mrs. Geneva Manning, 720 N. 12th Street, Chickasha, Oklahoma

We who are born again Christians seldom dispute the fact that a Christian can fall from grace or backslide and even go to hell. But since there are some who do dispute it, then we who do believe it should know why and where in the Bible is the basis of our claim. Someone has said that it was impossible to "fall from grace," and, "once saved, always saved." But I am sure he must have overlooked the following scriptures or he would not make such a claim.

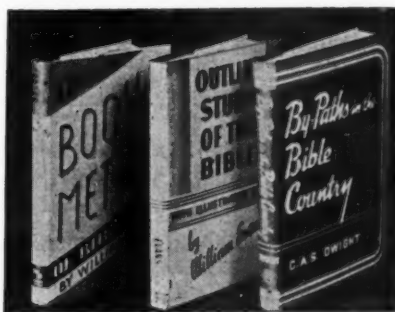
Here are some scriptures that set forth the fact plainly that we can fall from grace. In Gal. 5:4, Paul is talking to the Galatians who had been freed by Christ. "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace." These people had started in the faith of Christ, and then along had come someone telling them they had to be circumcized after the law of Moses. If they had become as the Jews, going into bondage again, then Christ could profit them nothing and they would become as one lost after having been saved. How much clearer can Paul say you can fall from grace? In Heb. 12:15 we are exhorted again and warned not to fall from grace. "Looking diligently lest any man fall of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled." In 1 Tim. 4:1, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." This is speaking of people in the faith; they have trusted Christ and accepted the faith, but some of them shall depart from it. "Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith," 1 Tim. 5:12. This scripture is speaking of a person who has once had faith but now has cast it aside to live as he pleases and will be lost and damned forever if he continues in this state.

Heb. 3:6, "But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end." How many people forget the "if" and the condition placed in this verse? "Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith: For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord," 1 Thess. 3:7, 8. Here again we must meet the condition if we would live eternally in heaven. Many times we are told to "watch and pray." Friend, these are not idle words; they mean everything to us if we are determined to make heaven our home. Consider what it says in 2 Peter 1:10, "Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall." A sinner doesn't fall from grace, because he never has received it; but we who have grace must make our election sure to the

end so we won't fall. Would you believe that Paul, after preaching all his marvelous messages and going through all his trials and persecutions, could be lost and become a castaway? In 1 Cor. 9:27, Paul says, "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." And in 2 Peter 2:20, we read, "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning." If a person accepts Jesus Christ and has come to know Him and His ways, and then returns to his old sinful life to live as he did before salvation, it will be worse for him than if he had never come to know Christ. Surely you will have to admit that this kind of person, once saved, is now lost and in a worse condition.

I hear someone saying, "I believe one can backslide, but I believe the Lord will call him back again before it is too late." Friend, it is true that the Lord will try and plead for his return, and is just to forgive his sins, if he confesses them and returns to the Lord. If he does not repent and return, I believe he will be lost. If you want proof of this, read 1 Tim. 1:18-20: "This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou

by them mightest war a good warfare; holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck: of whom is Hymeneus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme." Paul here names two people, Hymeneus and Alexander, who made shipwreck of their faith, and Paul reprobated them to Satan. Here are two people once saved, but now lost. In 2 Tim. 2:17, 18, we learn more about how they erred and also the name of another one—Philetus: "And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymeneus and Philetus; Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some." Webster's Dictionary says "err" is "to go astray, fall into error." Friend, these men strayed from the truth they had once known, and were condemned to hell, and the pitiful part of it is they will overthrow the faith of others, people who have faith before they become overthrown, or deceived into believing a lie and be damned, as Hymeneus, Philetus and Alexander, who were delivered unto Satan. Let us, therefore, "beware lest any man spoil (us) through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ," Col. 2:8, for we can be saved and then be lost if we do not war a good warfare, as Paul left instructions for Timothy to do in 1 Tim. 1:18. We can watch and pray and not be deceived by false teachings and doctrines of devils. Let us, therefore, "believe the truth, and the truth shall make (us) free."



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## OH, PRAISE THE LORD

DENVER, Colo.—I praise the Lord for His healing power. When my baby was about 3 months old, she took infantile eczema. She would cry and scratch her face until it bled. When she was about 1 year old, Brother L. G. Rouse prayed for her and the Lord healed her.—Mrs. W. F. Brannon.

HEROD, Ill.—I praise God for keeping me day by day filled with the precious Holy Ghost. I praise Him for healing me of a very bad ailment, also for healing me of something like cancer.—Mrs. Gracie Ozee.

WAYSIDE, Miss.—I praise God for healing my mother over a year ago. We fasted, placed the *Evangel* on her, and prayed, and God healed her. Her feet and legs were swollen until she couldn't wear shoes. Pray for me.—Mrs. R. E. Haney.

DETROIT, Mich.—I praise God for His healing power. He healed my little girl several years ago when she was dying. He healed me of ulcerated appendicitis, a spinal trouble I had had from childhood, an awful suffering in my leg, and a bad case of sinus trouble.—Mrs. Ruby Dill.

LAKE VILLAGE, Ark.—I praise God for what He has done for me. He healed me of high blood pressure about two years ago, and has healed me many times. I praise Him for the good Holy Ghost and for the desire I have to serve Him.—Mary Lee Weeks.

FYFFE, Ala.—I praise and thank the Lord for His wonderful healing power. I praise Him for healing my foot when it was broken.—Mrs. G. M. Freeman.

WYNNE, Ark.—I praise the Lord for healing my little girl of the toothache when I placed the *Evangel* on her and prayed.—Mrs. Bartha Sisk.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—I truly praise the Lord for healing me of an awful head trouble which would almost cause me to be unconscious. I also had a nervous condition, which was very close to a nervous breakdown. The Lord wonderfully healed me instantly of both. I can truly recommend Him to anyone who needs healing, saving and keeping grace through Jesus Christ.—David Rhoades.

ALVIN, Ill.—I praise the Lord for healing me of sinus trouble when I placed the *Evangel* on my body and prayed. The pain left me and has never come back.—Mrs. Margaret May.

## A NEW CHURCH

WILLIAMSBURG, Ky.—We have a new church started here in Williamsburg, with 7 members, all women. We have purchased a lot and are ready to start a building. We shall appreciate any donation.—Maude Ray.

## OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Ps. 116:15.

### NICHOLS

James F. Nichols, 72, died at his home in Andrews, N. C., April 25, 1951. Funeral services were conducted at the Church of God by the pastor, Rev. Raymond Wilson, assisted by Revs. Earl Radford, Glover P. Ledford, W. J. Roberts, and Charles McGuire. Brother Nichols had been a faithful and influential member of the Church of God for many years. His passing not only keenly affects his faithful wife, his three sons and other relatives, but the church and its friends at Andrews also share this loss, which is heaven's gain.—Glover P. Ledford.

### MITCHELL

The Church of God at Freedom, Tex., has lost one of its best members. On May 26, 1951, death claimed our dear brother, John Mitchell, at the age of 64 years. He was one of the most outstanding and loyal members of the Church of God here for 22 years. He was active in church up until about 2 years before he died, and went to church several times after he became sick. He will be greatly missed by all of the church at Freedom, but his beautiful Holy Ghost life will live on and on. He was a humble servant of Christ.—Mrs. Valta Loftin, Emory, Tex.

### WEST

Brother Charley West, born Feb. 29, 1877, departed this life May 3, 1951. Brother West leaves his wife, 3 children, and 4 stepchildren. About 18 months before his death, he was converted and joined the Church of God at Potosi, Mo. He was a wonderful man of God, always shouting and testifying of God's love. Brother West is greatly missed by all who knew him.—Nellie West.

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# Victory Day at Walterboro, South Carolina

In October, 1950, our church was indebted to the Mission Board of South Carolina in the amount of \$2,800, and when it was decided that we should lift the debt, many doubted and even ridiculed any attempt as utter foolishness. However, on March 1, 1951, we launched an intense drive to raise the necessary funds with which to pay the existing mortgage. After three months of fasting, prayer, working, and believing, May 27 rolled up on the calendar.

In the church that day an object of curiosity met the gaze of all who entered the building—nothing less than an old-fashioned, back-yard wash pot, with wood neatly arranged for the fire. Curiosity mounted higher as the crowds began to come from far and near. Soon the church was overflowing, and during the brief Sunday School, 331 listened as Brother L. M. Bishop, Sr., expounded the lesson in general to the entire school. Soon after a photographer made pictures the big moment was at hand. Victory day was here in force.

As the great congregation arose, and the victory march began, varied emotions were manifest. Joy, faith, compassion and doubt all mingled on the countenance of those passing by the little wash pot which had risen in a day from the mediocre task of boiling dirty clothes to receiving an offering for God. Soon, all having passed by casting in their means out of the abundance of their heart, the finance committee, Messrs. Herman Martin, Clifford Walker, Junior Ponds, Henry Mouzon, and L. M. Bishop, Sr., carried away the receipts to be counted while the congregation continued to worship God in the morning service.

Song service over, the saints were made to weep for joy while the pastor spoke on the subject, "The Lord Is My Shepherd." After the morning service, everyone retired to the picnic grounds behind the church where dinner was spread. Such food as was put on the 68-foot table, built by Messrs. Clifford Walker, L. M. Bishop, Sr., and Barney Crosby, had never before been seen in the history of our church. Everything good to eat imaginable was there. Also, a very tasty barbecue, cooked by Mr. Russell Kinard, of Round O, was served. The pigs were donated by a very good friend and supporter of the church, Mr. Dolphus Boodle, of the Bonnie Boone Plantation, Ritter, S. C. Just a few minutes after Brother Ulmer, a visiting Methodist minister, had returned thanks, the crowd of over 550 people were busily engaged in consuming copious quantities of fried chicken, barbecue, and all the trimmings. Brothers Walter Groves, Jay Carter and Clemmon Ackerman were kept busy lading out iced tea, punch, and lemonade but finally were able to feast themselves, having quenched the thirst of the tremendous crowd.

Dinner over, the table still well filled, the crowds again assembled in the auditorium for the afternoon sing-spiration. Shortly thereafter, with the

seating capacity of the church taxed beyond measure, the vestibule filled, and the yard jammed, the singers from various churches were rendering musical numbers of such spiritual intensity that heaven literally hovered over the congregation. The saints shouted, wept, and leaped for joy as the sacred vein of Jesus' presence was felt throughout the building. After the musical renditions by the Murphy Quartet, from three counties, the N. Charleston Church of God Trio gave several selections, of which one merits special mention, "Peace in the Valley." This song so touched the heart of the very accomplished pianist, Brother Walter Blackmon, of N. Charleston, that during the encore he wept and rejoiced as God anointed him to wrest rapturous music from the ivory keys, Sister Melrose Thomas, of the King and Sumter Streets Church of God, Charleston, S. C., and Sister Ruth Douglas, of N. Charleston Church of God, favored us with solos, each of which caused the entire congregation to feel the sacred presence of God.

At 3:30 o'clock, after one and one-half hours of rapturous reveling in glorious gospel singing, the afternoon offering was taken. Brother Johnson displayed the Victory thermometer with \$2,800, as the ultimate objective, and after a hasty consultation with the finance committee, he rushed out into the church with an adding machine tape in his hand and an enthusiastic fire burning in his eyes. The congregation waited breathlessly for the news. Suddenly, Brother Johnson threw up his right arm, and, with thunderous overtones, announced, "Total offering for the day, \$2,811.44." Momentarily a hush descended, and then, as suddenly, a spontaneous shout of victory went up. My, how it did rain! The pent-up emotions of total victory were unleashed, and our souls were blessed by this stirring spectacle, God having moved a mountain for His people. Tranquility now reigns as peace is enjoyed and faith's fruit has been plucked. Our church rejoices in the knowledge that the scriptural exegesis pronounced in Mark 9:23b, "All things are possible to him that believeth," is true.—E. D. Johnson, Pastor.



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Since I got away from my seven years on bed, I have spoken widely over 42 states and several foreign countries, and now before I go to heaven, by the grace of God, I want to cover these six states (and the "regions beyond" and between) speaking to schools, churches, and civic clubs—fighting atheistic communism that is crawling like a serpent into the Eden of our American life—yes, and warning high school and college boys and girls not to touch liquor in any form—teaching them my motto, "Let nothing discourage you—Never give up," and through it all and above all, stressing the fact that Christ, who saves the soul and heals the body, is the basic solution of every personal, national, and international problem.

As soon as a car can be secured, with dependable prospects for expenses, my gifted and consecrated wife (25 years state lecturer for the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in California) will rejoice to drive me over those six states—plus all other possible territory until Judgment Day.

To all lovers of God and the American flag who make an investment in this sacred task in behalf of the nation's youth, I will send an autographed copy of my booklet "Scattering Sunshine" or "How to Be Happy When You Ain't." Also, the story of my conversion and healing. In the words of Woodrow Wilson: "We summon you to comradeship."

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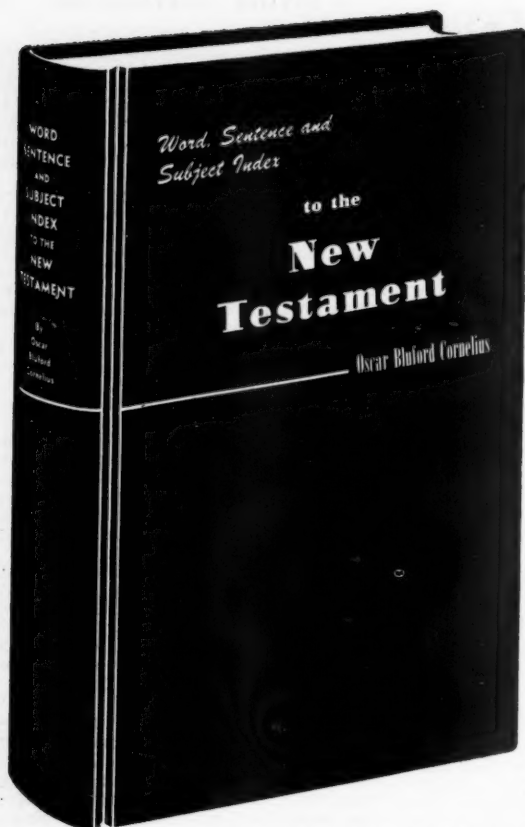
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